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GENEALOGICAL COLUMN

NELSON FAMILY.

OF VIRGINIA.



The name "Nelson" is to be found in early writ as being less corrupted than other patronymics just after the conquest.

First, it appeared as "John-ill-Nel" on the Hundred Rolls; then as "William Nelson" on the Rolls of Parliament; and finally as plain "Nelson"; time, Henry Third, since which time it has been spelled both in England and America.

That the Nelson family in Virginia sprang from the distinguished family in England there can be no doubt, and though it is not traced direct from the hero of Trafalgar, yet through lateral branches the Nelsons of Cumberland county, England, antedate those of Norfolk county, since Lord Nelson was not made baron until 1801.

As given in the "Page Genealogy," Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown, York county, Va., progenitor of the family in Virginia, was born in Cumberland county, England, 1677, and came with his wife to Virginia about 1700.

We presume that the two English branches were connected close enough to participate in the "glory at Trafalgar, Copenhagen and the Nile," besides the fame which awaited the family at Yorktown in America.

This celebrated pioneer of the family was known as "Scotch Tom," because his parents were said to have lived in the north of England, near Scotland. He died at Yorktown 1781, aged sixty-eight, the original tombstone over his grave bearing the coat of arms, which we produce, though they differ from those of Lord Nelson, which were created so much later.

History is replete with his founding of Yorktown, Va., first building a log house, and in 1715, the first brick house, the site of which has long since disappeared.

His youngest son and third child was also Thomas, and became secretary of the colony. About 1725 he built for this son what is now called the "Nelson House," which was burned during the siege of 1781, and was soon after destroyed.

Another house was built about 1750 by President William Nelson, for his son, Governor Thomas Nelson, who died 1783. The town of York (it was always so called before the Revolution), grew very slowly, consisting of only a few scattering buildings, its chief fame being as the site of the battle and the seat of the Nelsons.

"President" Nelson, so called, as made President of the "Old Dominion" by the home government, had five sons and one daughter, each of whom became distinguished. First, Thomas, the signer of Declaration of Independence; second, Dr. Nathaniel, died in the Island of Bermuda; third, Colonel Hugh, of the Revolution; fourth, Robert, who moved to Albemarle, James River, so noted during the Confederate war, and fifth, Judge William Nelson, who presided at the court of Yorktown.

Governor Thomas Nelson married Miss Grymes, who is said to have "tried to be slightly, leaving twenty dollars to her minister and freedom to the only servant she had."

Governor Nelson had seven sons and five daughters, all of whom were born at Yorktown.

1. William, the eldest, married Miss Burwell.

2. Thomas, Jr., married daughter of Governor Page, Virginia.

3. Philip, moved to Clarke county, Va., married Miss Sally Burwell.

4. Francis, married daughter of Hon. John Page.

5. Hon. Hugh, moved to "Belvoir," Albemarle, and married Miss Kinloch, a Scotch lass, of Scotch ancestry.

6. Elizabeth, eldest daughter, married Mann Page, of Gloucester.

7. Mary, married Robert Carter, of Shirley.

8. Lucy, married Major Carter Page, of Cumberland county, Va.

9. Robert, married Judith Carter, youngest daughter of Governor John Page. This gentleman was called "Chancellor Nelson." He was professor of law at William and Mary College, and served as presidential elector, 1824. They left but one child, Lucy, who became the wife of Hugh N. Pendleton, of Caroline county.

10. Susanna (called Suky), married

the Brecon, or "Brecon Lewis," of England. At this time is given their arms, as handed down by Sir Thomas Lewis, of Brecon, 1724, who married Anne, daughter and co-heir of Sir Nathan Wright, whose father, Sir James, was sent over as Governor to the Province of Georgia, United States, 1763. (See Burke's British Peerage.)

Frank Page, of Hanover county, Va., eighth son of Governor Page, married Judith, daughter of Captain Thomas Nelson, her cousin, of Hanover county. It will be remarked the many connections between the families of Governor Nelson and Governor Page, there being seven marriages.

The Hon. Hugh Nelson became early a prominent lawyer; was first speaker of House of Delegates, judge of Federal Court; presidential elector, 1809, and represented Virginia in Congress from 1812, after which was appointed minister to Spain by President Monroe. He moved to Albemarle, and settled on his handsome estate, "Belvoir," which was inherited by his wife, who was the only grandchild of Captain John Nelson.

The nine children of Judge Nelson have all become noted, some of the descendants of whom are still with us, but others have scattered into distant States.

They intermarried with the Meriwethers, Rogers, Randolphs, Pages, and Nelsons, and became connected with the various professions. But one of the five sons of Judge Nelson is now living, Dr. Robert William, the youngest son, who after the death of his father, in 1836, inherited the Belvoir homestead, which in 1846, he sold, and moved to Charlottesville, Va., where he has since enjoyed a most eminent practice for more than fifty years, and also held many prominent positions, as one of the most venerated and highly honored citizens of the city.

He married in 1844, Miss Virginia L. Nelson, daughter of Captain Thomas Nelson, of Hanover. Of their children, Dr. Hugh Nelson was formerly president of the Virginia Medical Association; Keating Nelson, an eminent professor, conducting first a classical school for boys and then a large seminary for young ladies at Culpeper, Va. He had five sons, several of whom became distinguished in the service during the war; his third son, officers, entered the ministry, and became bishop of Georgia. The second son of Judge Nelson was Rev. Cleland K. Nelson, of the Episcopal Church, who moved to Maryland, where his descendants still live.

The third son of Governor Nelson, of Yorktown, Philip Nelson, born 1706, moved to Clarke county, and married Sarah W. Burwell, daughter of Nathaniel Burwell, of Isle of Wight. They had but three children.

First, Thomas, eldest, married his cousin, Mildred Nelson, daughter of Judge Nelson, of Belvoir.

Second, Mary, married in 1812, Bishop William Meade, Episcopal bishop of Virginia, being his first wife.

Third, Dr. William Nelson, who lived at the homestead in Clarke; married Miss Mildred Nelson, of Belvoir, and had four children, their eldest, Philip W. Nelson, moved to Albemarle, after the war, with his sisters, and is now superintendent of public schools for that county, besides holding other prominent positions. He is the only representative of that branch of the family.

It would be impossible to enumerate the many prominent descendants of this distinguished Virginia family, whose name and fame is well known over the entire country, especially as the founders of Yorktown, the site of the glorious victory which closed the Revolutionary War, and which just one hundred and twenty-one years ago to-day, on the 13th day of December, 1782, Congress appointed as a general Thanksgiving, which was kept the whole country, and should still be commemorated by the descendants of the noble heroes through whose valor we now enjoy our liberties. We give the Nelson coat-of-arms as taken from the tombstone at Yorktown, of Thomas (Scotch Tom) Nelson, progenitor of the Nelson family in Virginia. The correct tincture of these arms are not known, but are supposed to be "Per pale, argent and sable, a chevron, between three fleurs-de-lis, counterchanged. Crest—A fleur-de-lis, per pale, argent and sable."

The only resemblance to those of Lord Nelson being surrounded by oak and palm leaves; yet, as has already been stated, these were created long before the battle of Trafalgar.

The closed visor, signifying valor, was one of the most ancient heraldic devices as worn by knights; and the three fleurs-de-lis, typical of the Trinity, were worn by the early Christians.

In a future article will be given the arms of Baron Nelson, to show the difference.

E. C. M.

THE LEWIS FAMILY AGAIN.

By request of "Mrs. M. H. H." Raleigh, N. C., we here give something further of

the Lewis family.

The arms we give are entitled through Jean Lewis and Sir Thomas Lewis, and to whom all the "Bel Air" descendants, as well as "Warren Hill" Lewis, through Robert Lewis, of Brecon, are entitled to, are described as follows:

"Arms—Arg, a cross double parted and fretty, sa; in the 1st and 4th quarters, an eagle, displayed, ger; and in the 2d and 3d a lion, rampant of the second, ducally crowned, or. There is given a hand in the chief.

Crest—On a cap of maintenance, an eagle, cresting, statant, or. Seat Hartport Court, Radnorshire.

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Motto—Mien's sili conscia recti.

Sir John Wright, of South Carolina, was 4th baronet in succession, in 1837. The Arms of Ennisbriken, as pertained to Jean Lewis, are: as created 1760. Arg, a bull passant, sa, armed and unguled, or, within a bordure, of the second, charged with a border, wavy, or. Crest—A demi-dragon, vert, langued, gu, holding in the dexter claw a dart, ppr, and in sinister an escutcheon, or; Supporters, two dragons, regardant, vert, each holding a martlet, ppr. Motto—Deum timeo, et regem servo. The Baronetcy, fell to the Cole family after the death of Sir Jean Lewis. To "B. B." Albemarle county, Va.: The nearest approach to the Minge family is found in Bristol Parish records, by daughter, in which is stated, that "Robert Buckner Bolling, son of Robert (fifth), married November 29, 1831, Sarah Melville, daughter of John and Sarah B. Minge, of Sandy Point, Charles City county, who died July 1854." As it seems, John M. Minge, who married the widow, Lightfoot, who had several half brothers, and sisters, and who moved to the South, and settled chiefly in Alabama; therefore, it is more probable information can be gathered there than in Virginia can any one furnish it?

To "Mrs. W. A. M." Danville, Va., 12 South Main Street: As regards the "Fontaine family," I cannot come across "Ballard, William and Tabitha Fontaine, nor will who their father was," or what county they lived in?

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Sir Thomas Lewis was descended from a Huguenot, Jean Lewis, born in France, and fled to England after the Edict of Nantes, 1685, where he joined the English army, was made field marshal, Earl of Raglan, and Baron of Enniskillen. He was with Marlborough in Flanders, and attracted that warrior's attention at the storming of the siege of Blenheim (being the only captain of his regiment that survived), led the grenadiers at Malin, stormed the counter scarp, fought at Marquet, and made major of brigade there; was in all of Marlborough's great battles; at Dordrecht was made lieutenant-general, and even higher honors at Fontenoy for intrepidity in leading the English infantry; was placed in command of the British forces in Flanders; taken prisoner at La Baye, and sent to England, and appointed commander-in-chief of the colony of the First Foot Guards. He was in nineteen pitched battles and twenty-three sieges. He died in England, full of honors and riches.

(See Smiles' History of the Huguenots.)

His son, Zachary Lewis (first), took up land in Virginia, 400 acres, located in King William county, and 600 acres in King and Queen county, 1698. He was "member of the Church of England and a lawyer; name of wife not known." (See Patents in Virginia Library.) Zachary Lewis (second), born 1724, died 1765, married Mary Waller, born 1699, died 1781, daughter of John Waller, first clerk of Spotsylvania county. Dorothy King was his wife. Zachary Lewis had ten children, their births, deaths, and marriages cannot be given here for want of space.

Colonel Zachary Lewis (third), fourth son of Zachary (second) and his wife, Ann O. Terrell, daughter of Richmond Terrell, and Anna Overton, were married, 1771, and settled at "Bel Air." He was colonel in the French and Indian war, and was messmate with Washington; when they parted the exchanged swords. The third child, Huldah Lewis, married by the Rev. "Parson Douglas," as he was called, in 1802, Walter Holladay, and settled at "Prospect Hill," Spotsylvania county. His son, Dr. Richard Lewis, married Eliza T. Daniel, sister of Jean Daniel, wife of John Lewis, also sister of Walter R. Daniel, husband of Eliza Lewis, all children of Francis Daniel, of "Crow's Nest," Stafford county, of whom we will speak further, when we come to the Daniel record.

"Bel Air," a beautiful old historic home of the Lewises, Scotts, and many other descendants, was the great tramping ground between the Confederates and Federal armies during the war, and it

was hadly used, but still stands to show where they entertained loyally the "Old Confeds," but managed to save what they could from the "Yanks." (See Hayden's Genealogy.)

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John, his son George Winston was the father of Patrick Henry Winston, who moved to North Carolina, settling in Franklin county. His sons were quite prominent, among whom were George Taylor Winston, president of the University of Texas, also of University of North Carolina, 1891, and now of A. and M. College, Raleigh, N. C. His brother, Robert W. Winston, was judge and State senator of North Carolina, and now a leading lawyer of Durham, N. C. There are many other Winstons, both North and South, descendants of the Virginia family.

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The arms are French, not English, and have no motto. See "Smiles' Huguenots," also "Huguenot Society of South Carolina," 1902.

To "Miss L. M." Box 57, Franklin Parish, La. Mary, La.: Yes, we will soon have something on the "Eppes and Robertson families of Virginia."

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